the R.B.I. for increased working capital facilities to replace the deposits deployed in the operation of the Company.

In the meantime, as further stated by the Company, he approval of the increased working capital facilities from the RBI|SBI have since been received and the banks will begin release of funds towards August/ September 1987. Thereafter, as the Company has stated, the required refunds will be made.

Sickness of industries in West Bengal

2519. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sickness of industries in West Bengal is causing concern to the Central Government sice huge funds from the banks have been locked up in those industries;

(b) whether Government have studied the reasons for the sickness of large units in West Bengal; and

(c) what steps have been taken to re-open those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government are concerned over industrial sickness in the entire country including West Bengal.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India has conducted a cause-wise analysis in respect of 378 large units which had been classified sick as on 31-12-1979 on an All-India basis. No specific study has been carried out by the Government for studying the causes of sick units in West Bengal.

(c) Rehabilitation packages are drawn by all concerned to restore the health of sick units. Cases of industrial companies which fall within the purview of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), which has become recently operational can be referred to the BIFR as well.

सिगरेट के उत्पादन में कमी

2520. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान सिगरेटों के उत्पादन में लगातार कमी होती जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सिगरेटों के निर्यात में कोई वृद्धि हुई है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम्) : (क) तकनीकी विकास के महानिदेशालय को दी गई सूचना के अनुसार संगठित क्षेत्र में पिछले 5 वर्षों के दौरान सिगरेटों का उत्पादन नीचे दिया गया है :—

क्रम सं०	वर्ष	सिगरेटों का उत्पादन (10 लाख नगों में)
1.	1982	83858
2.	1983	80551
3.	1984	84997
4.	1985	80681
5.	1986	75000 (अनुमानित)

(ख) उत्पादन में कमी अनेक कारकों से हुई है जैसे कि कीमतों में वृद्धियां, उत्पादन की लागत में वृद्धियां, स्वास्थ्य के प्रति अत्यधिक जागरूकता के फलस्वरूप सिगरेटों की खपत में कमी आदि।

(ग) जी, नहीं।